

# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Ocean & Earth Science & Technology**

**WHEREAS, School of Ocean & Earth Science & Technology (SOEST)** was established by the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i to realign and further strengthen the University's resources to address priority issues that have enormous societal relevance and immediate opportunities for implementation: the current five priorities are ocean observing, space flight, alternative energy, living marine resources, and natural hazards; and

**WHEREAS, the SOEST** has grown to nearly 880 employees, 250 Ph.Ds, 450 staff, and 180 graduate students, in the departments of Geology & Geophysics; Meteorology; Ocean & Resource Engineering; and Oceanography, as well as a number of cutting edge institutes, centers laboratories, and programs, including:

- Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education (C-MORE)
- Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology (HIGP)
- Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research (JIMAR)
- Hawai'i Undersea Research Laboratory (HURL)
- Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB)
- Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute (HNEI)
- International Pacific Research Center (IPRC)
- UH Sea Grant College Program

**WHEREAS, the SOEST** funds three quarters of its \$110 million budget through extramural sources, an amount that has more than tripled since its founding, reflecting the strength of the School's research; and

**WHEREAS, the SOEST** emphasizes that its goal, in working together with these partners in industry and government, is to transform our ways of life by enabling a healthy public, economy, and planet through an integrated, comprehensive, and sustained system of Earth observation, research, and education; and

**WHEREAS, the SOEST** hosted "Ascent" through its Sea Grant College Program on April 15, 2014, a one-day conference on clean energy and a sustainable future in partnership with US Senator Brian Schatz, capped with an address by 35<sup>th</sup> Vice President Albert Arnold "Al" Gore, Jr.; and


**WHEREAS, the SOEST** marks its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014, celebrating its premier status as the world's largest geosciences school, having brought more than \$2 billion in research support to the islands since its founding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2014, as

### **"SCHOOL OF OCEAN & EARTH SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DAY"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the SOEST's invaluable research and work towards creating a sustainable future in the islands and beyond.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of April, 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i